

To the History–Social Science Subject Matter Committee of the Instructional Quality Commission:

Attached are my comments and suggestions on updating the Draft *History–Social Science Framework*, Second Field Review Draft Approved by the Instructional Quality Commission November 20, 2015. That attachment includes more background information and references.

Pursuant to AB199 and Education Code section 51221.3 (c)(1) directing that instruction should include ". . . *an accurate history of the contributions of the Filipino American veterans who fought courageously in the United States Army for freedom and democracy in World War II under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur,*" my comments include details illustrating the collaboration of General MacArthur with his aide-de-camp Philippine General Carlos P. Romulo. The relationship between the two men is one of the most important American-Filipino associations of WWII, which led to the famous "I shall return" pledge that MacArthur made to the Philippine people. Their partnership exemplifies the unique and close bond between the Philippines and the United States which endures today.

I trust that you will give your full and serious consideration to adding these detail to our public school curriculum.

Sincerely,

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p.s. I have a bachelor's degree in history from U.C. Berkeley 1986. I am also the nephew of the late Gen. Carlos P. Romulo. [Filipino Veterans Seek Formal Recognition for WWII Roles - NBC News](#)